

FLAGS: (cont'd.)

- (a) It is flown at the mast head on the Sovereign's Birthday, Dominion Day, national holidays of the country in which the post is situated, national holidays of other countries represented in the same city (*depending on local custom*) and during the stay in port of a Canadian naval vessel.
- (b) It is flown at half mast on the death of the Sovereign, a member of the Royal Family, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, the Head of a foreign state with which Canada has diplomatic relations or which is recognized by Canada, the Pope, a local dignitary or member of the diplomatic corps. (*The "half-mast position is arrived at by running the flag up to its maximum height and then lowering it by the width of the flag."*)
- (c) When two flags are flown together the place of honour is the one on the left as seen by the spectator.
- (d) When flying the flags of several countries, arrange them from left to right alphabetically.
- (e) When in a procession the place of honour is at the right of the line or in front of the centre of the line.
- (f) If a flag is hung on a wall it should be arranged as though the pole were on the left as seen by the spectators.
- (g) If a flag is used to drape a coffin that part at the top next to the flag pole should be placed at the head of the coffin over the left shoulder of the deceased.

N.B. Never fly the flags of separate countries one above the other on the same staff.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

It is the policy of the Government to oppose the granting of decorations to Canadian citizens except in cases associated with the saving of life, or military operations. (*See official Instructions 1-90*).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Both "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada" are recognized as National Anthems of Canada.

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